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Kucinich Announces Witness List for Oversight Hearing to Assess Alternatives to Incarceration For Drug-Involved Offenders □ □

Washington D.C. (July 21, 2010) – Chairman Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) today announced the witness list for a Domestic Policy Subcommittee hearing entitled “Quitting Hard Habits: Efforts to Expand and Improve Alternatives to Incarceration for Drug-Involved Offenders.” The hearing will be held at **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 22, 2010 in room 2154 Rayburn House Office Building.**

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The purpose of the hearing is to focus on front-end alternatives to incarceration for drug-involved offenders and abusers of illegal drugs. It will examine the extent to which and why (or why not) these efforts have been effective in reducing the levels and associated harms of incarceration, reducing recidivism, effectively treating drug abuse, and improving other social outcomes and which approaches (or mix approaches) are best suited to accomplishing these goals.

This hearing is held as part of the Domestic Policy Subcommittee's mandate as the authorizing committee for the Office of National Drug Control Policy in the House of Representatives.

Witness List

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Panel I

Mr. James H. Burch, II
Acting Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance
Office of Justice Programs
U.S. Department of Justice

Mr. Benjamin B. Tucker
Deputy Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs
Office of National Drug Control Policy

Panel II

Ms. Angela Hawken, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Pepperdine University School of Public Policy

Mr. John Roman, Ph.D.
Senior Research Associate
Justice Policy Center, Urban Institute

Mr. Douglas B. Marlowe, Ph.D.
Chief of Science, Law and Policy
National Association of Drug Court Professionals

Mr. Daniel N. Abrahamson
Director of Legal Affairs

Drug Policy Alliance

Ms. Melody M. Heaps

President Emeritus

Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC)

Mr. Harold A. Pollack, Ph.D.

Professor

University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration

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